

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Great Suffering in Oklahoma and the Strip.

Feared That One Hundred People Have Perished.

WHOLE FAMILIES DIE.

Great Numbers of Stock Frozen in the Storm.

BURGESS, Ok., Feb. 13.—A terrible blizzard struck this territory early Sunday morning and continues with terrible severity. The wind blows a perfect gale and the snow is two feet deep on the ground.

Reports of death and suffering come in from all parts of the territory. In the Strip country recently opened to settlement the people are in a precarious condition. At Red Rock, James Blount and family, consisting of a wife and two children, girls, aged 10 and 12 years, were almost frozen to death.

Mrs. Fannie Spencer, a homesteader, twelve miles from Cross, was found frozen stiff. Her fuel had burned out.

Many people are still living in tents, and as fuel is scarce, their condition is awful. James Mulligan, living four miles south of Perry, was found frozen to death and his partner, Harvey Neycomb, died from exposure and cold fifteen minutes after being found.

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BITTER COLD IN OHIO.

Blizzard As It Moves East Increases in Violence.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 13.—The heavy snow storm which set in early yesterday morning, still continues today with unabated fury. The winds have shifted around to the north and is blowing a heavy and bitter cold gust from the lake. The snow has now a depth of about ten inches and never has drifted in places many feet deep.

Trains on all roads leading into the city are being moved with great difficulty and in many cases are hours behind schedule time. The street cars are running very irregularly and have abandoned all trail cars.

A USELESS ORDINANCE.

The One That Provides for Cleaning of the Sidewalks.

Chief Lindsey wishes to remind the citizens that the ordinance requiring them to clean the snow off their sidewalks is still in force, and desires that they pay a little attention to it.

He says, "It is the work of the street commissioners to look after this, but that will not enforce the ordinance in every case of neglect."

Whatever work it is, it is never done. The ordinance is more or less of a dead letter, mostly ignore." The only thorough way to clean snow off the sidewalks is for the city to do it, the same as it sweeps the streets, and pay for it out of the city treasury. The present ordinance is absurd and useless. It makes no provision for cleaning snow off in front of vacant lots. There is no satisfaction in walking a short distance on well cleaned sidewalks and then plodding through a snowdrift in front of a house where there are no tenants. A big wooden snowplow or two of them could clear many miles of sidewalk in a few hours.

Snows to Engine Explodes.

TRINITY, Tex., Feb. 13.—A switch engine in the Santa Fe yards exploded today. Engineer Coleman, Fireman Cheatum, and Foreman of Switch Crew Vogley were probably fatally injured.

An expensive loss.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 13.—The legislature has been in session a month, at a cost to the state of over \$50,000, and as yet not a single law has been enacted.

Shirts mended by the Peeples.

SILVER WON'T BE COINED.

No Intention of Opening the Indian Mints by English Government.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The house of commons was thronged today in anticipation of some important movement against the house of lords.

Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, replying to a question by the Right Hon. Goschen, said there was no intention of repealing the India mint or of returning to the minimum rate for coined bills. There was also no intention, he added, to place a tax on the importation of silver and no change in the present Indian policy was contemplated.

NEW ENGLAND'S SNOW.

Drifts Ten Feet Deep in Some Parts of It.

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—All the New England towns and cities expect great embarrassment from the storm. Haverhill buried under two feet of snow, and drifts are ten feet deep.

At Lynn the street car companies have given up the fight. Lowell, Salem and Gloucester report severe storms.

BRETON'S BOMB.

It Was Made of Small Pieces of Lead Cut With Scissors.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The missile enclosed in the box according to M. Girard, were small pieces of lead, which had been cut to the right size with a pair of scissors.

Premier Casimir-Périer visited the wounded in the hospital this afternoon, and was pleased to hear that none of them are likely to succumb.

Examining Judge Mercier caused Breton to be brought to his office this afternoon. The prisoner was as defiant as ever, and replied insolently to the questions put to him. Later, however, Breton modified his attitude and finally admitted that he gave a false name to the prefect of police and to the public prosecutor yesterday evening.

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BURIED BY AN AVALANCHE.

Wild Weather in Switzerland Makes Traveling in Mountains Dangerous.

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